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STATUS OF US LEND LEASE VESSELS HELD BY THE USSR,
15 October 1959

As of mid-October 1959, the Soviet Union still held 82 lend-lease vessels totaling 510,549 gross register tons, which constitute approximately 20 percent of the total gross register tonnage of the Soviet maritime fleet.

Although the activities of some of the vessels are not readily available, it is believed that all are in operational status. The majority have been located and are known to be assigned to conventional Soviet trade routes.

The greatest number of these vessels are normally active between Soviet Far Eastern ports. About twelve are engaged primarily in Soviet arms and aid traffic to Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Indonesia. Others are engaged in carrying Soviet international trade.

The present repair status of the Lend-Lease vessels is not available in this office.

Enclosure 2 lists the Lend-Lease vessels still believed to be in operation, together with the type, gross register tonnage, area where last reported and year of build of each. In the right hand column is shown the most recent date in readily available intelligence material on which the vessel was positively reported. Where no date or area are known, the vessel has not been located recently, but it is being carried as operational in the absence of information of its having been scrapped or lost. In all probability a detailed and lengthy search would yield more positive results.

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